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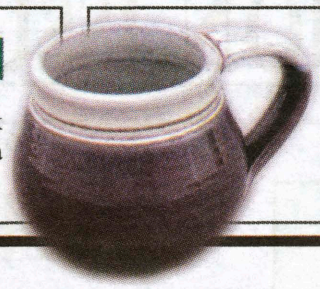

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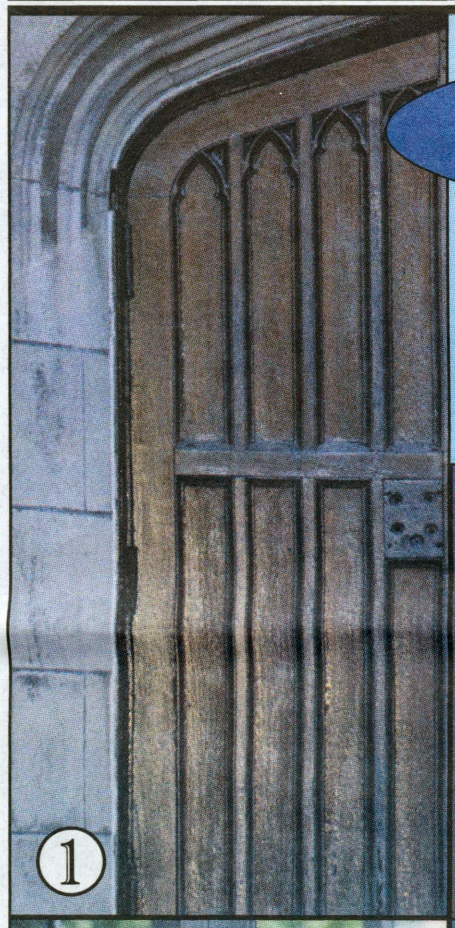

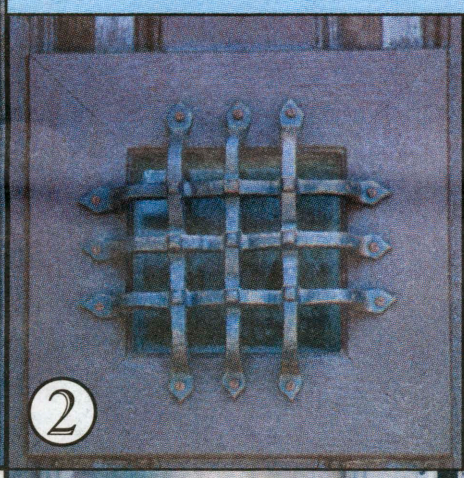

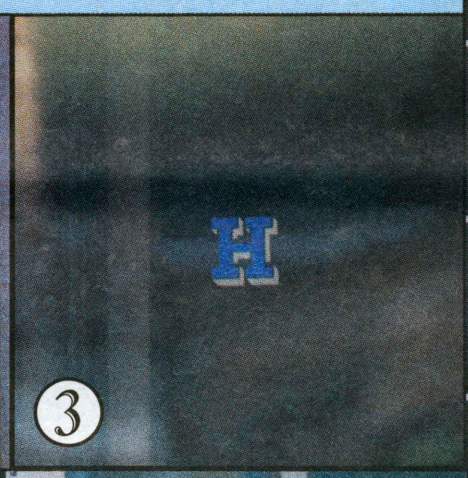

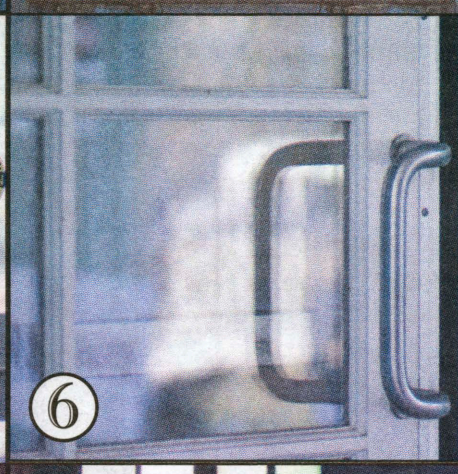

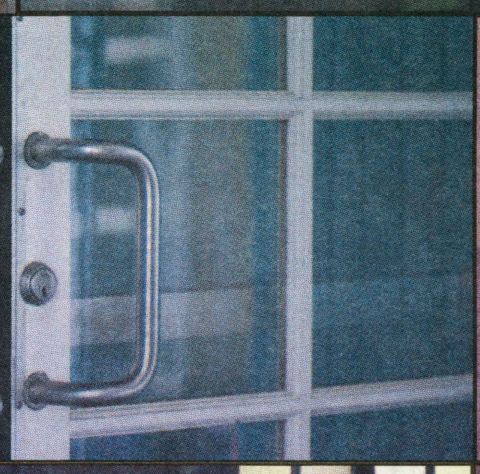

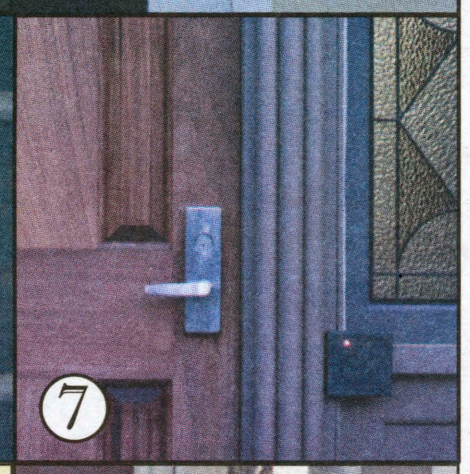

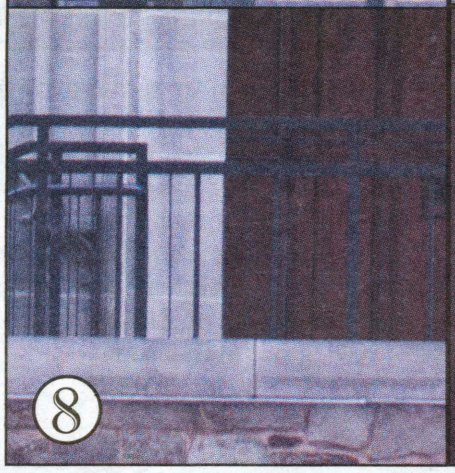

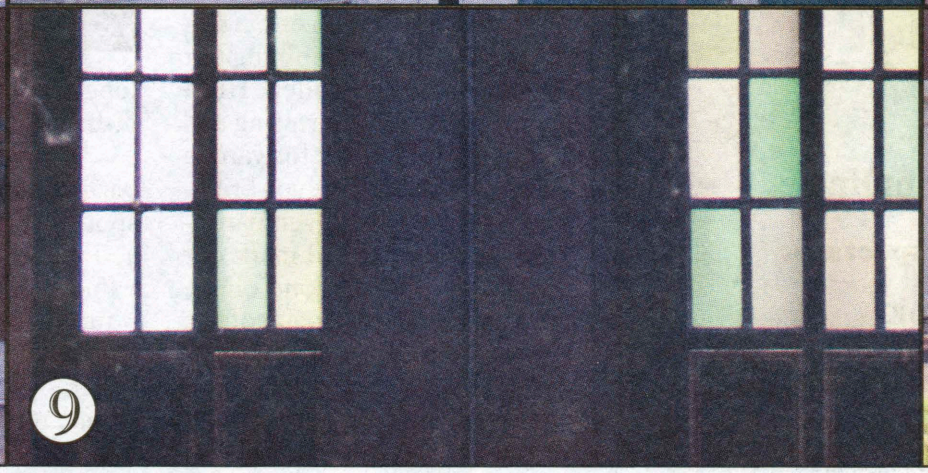

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A letter from us to you

To the Class of 2015:

Welcome to Hamilton! We at *The Spectator* have a hunch that you're reading this issue either a) in Wellin Hall, awaiting words from administrators that will usher you into new beginnings; b) in the dorm with your roommate, having negotiated those awkward and innocent first exchanges; or c) at dinner, chatting with your AA friends while picking at Chicken Riggies (Utica's specialty!). Wherever you are, we hope that reading this issue will make you feel a little more comfortable with your new surroundings.

That's the mission of the *The Spectator* Orientation issue – to help provide you with the tools you'll need to adjust to life at Hamilton. In keeping with that goal, we've taken pictures of 10 different Hamilton doors (some obvious, some obscure) and placed them on the cover of this issue. Our hope is that you'll view this as a challenge to go searching for them, and then maybe explore the buildings themselves. As a reward, the first email we receive from a first-year correctly identifying all of the buildings to which the doors belong will receive a $15 gift certificate to Café Opus. Just send your answers to spec@hamilton.edu! (By the way, it's mandatory that you use it to buy one of their decadent chocolate chip cookies.)

In return, we hope that you'll make *The Spectator* a regular part of your life here. Published every Thursday, we are an entirely student-run organization. Our writers, editors and photographers work diligently to portray Hamilton as it truly is, so take some time to leaf through our pages! And don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter—there you'll find supplemental material as well as links to articles we find interesting and relevant to our school.

During orientation, a lot is thrown at you. Take stock of the many opportunities you'll encounter. That's what's different about college—you choose what doors to open. Don't be wary of crossing the threshold; unwind and let Hamilton take you places. Because trust us: it will.

Sincerely,
The Spectator staff

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And a word from President Stewart

Dear Hamilton Students,

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The French have a term for the start of the school year: *la rentrée*. This expression is used, in fact, not only to refer specifically to the reopening of school, but more generally to early fall, the end of summer vacation, the resumption of normal routines and friendships. "*À la rentrée*," people say, meaning something like "See you in September." The phrase speaks of expectation and new beginnings.

I like it especially because it speaks of going home: *rentrer* means to return, and specifically to return home.

To those of you who are arriving this month to begin your second, third or fourth year at Hamilton, I say welcome home. And I feel certain that those of you who are just joining our community will find on College Hill a true home, welcoming, nurturing and challenging. All of us look forward to the energy and intelligence you bring.

Those gifts will be given particular focus this year as we mark our 200th anniversary: Hamilton College was chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York on May 26, 1812. The year-long celebration that we initiate this fall will be our way not just of recognizing a long and fascinating past, but of anticipating a distinguished future.

We who are today part of a community preparing for its next 200 years have a great responsibility, for we will shape that future by the actions we take, the decisions we make and the values we endorse. The Hamilton of tomorrow – future home to generations of students – will be the one that we begin building today.

Bonne rentrée.
J.H.S.

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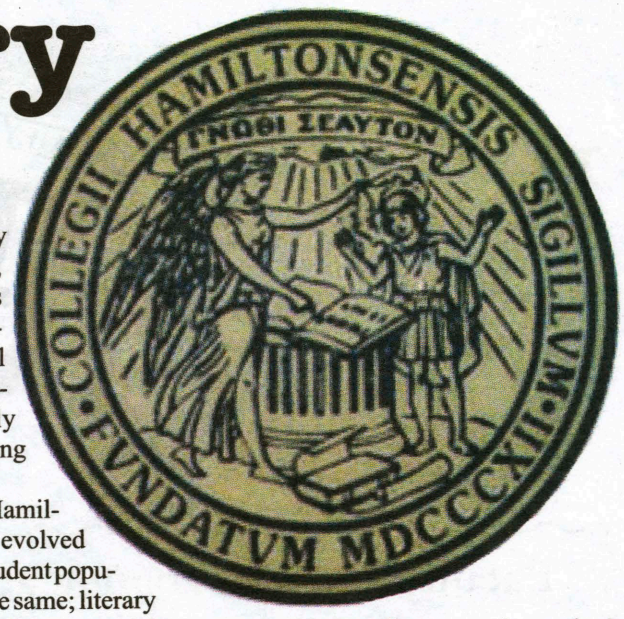

by Emma Laperruque '14
News Editor

A man named Samuel Kirkland represents Hamilton College's starting point. He was a patriotic and passionate missionary, and in the late eighteenth century, he began to plan for a school that would educate Oneida Indians and eventually become what Hamilton is today. Kirkland's tireless, selfless efforts for the betterment of his community and country are directly responsible for Hamilton's long history and huge success. It seems strange, then, that he never knew a place called "Hamilton College." Now buried in the school cemetery, he died in 1808, four years before the College was chartered under its 200-year-old title. This year we are celebrating Hamilton's bicentennial; however, the institution's history dates back even earlier than 1812.

In 1792, Kirkland developed educational goals for an academy and brought it to Philadelphia to propose to President George Washington, Secretary of Treasury Alexander Hamilton and Postmaster General Timothy Pickering. According to the Documentary History of Hamilton College, "it is said [that] Washington expressed a warm interest in the institution and Hamilton consented to become one of the trustees and to afford all the aid in his power." A large plot of land that Kirkland had previously been granted became the location for said institution and, in 1794, when Utica was no more than a village supporting a couple houses, the cornerstone for the first building (torn down in 1830) was ceremoniously laid. Thus began the Hamilton-Oneida Academy.

In 1804 (roughly halfway through its lifetime), the Hamilton-Oneida Academy had a student population of 64 and tuition of $12 per annum. The early scholars, who studied a curriculum of reading, writing, grammar, math, logic, languages and philosophy, attended church recitations daily, in the same three-story chapel that still stands on campus, but without the warmth of modern heating. Nearly two decades after its birth, in 1812, the Academy was chartered as Hamilton College. Soon after, the school received generous donations, which significantly increased its once-wavering prosperity.

After its childhood, Hamilton College changed and evolved with the times. As the student population rose, spirit did the same; literary societies formed, in addition to social fraternities. The presence and importance of athletics greatly increased. Similarly, social sciences developed on campus with more departments, like anthropology and economics.

Over 150 years after 1812, a hugely important event occurred in 1968: Kirkland College, a sister school, was established beside the all-male Hamilton. Located in what's now known as the "dark side" of campus, Kirkland advocated independent and creative thinking. A mere decade after its birth, though, Kirkland merged with Hamilton, creating today's co-ed campus.

In his 1912 Centenary Address, Elihu Root said of an earlier Hamilton: "I am bound to say that Hamilton is a better college than it was then." Now, at the start of the 2011-2012 school year, in the spirit of Kirkland's original hopes for the College to continually "grow and flourish," I am bound to say that Hamilton is a better college than it was then, in 1912. And, with that, I hope students can continue to say this proud statement—for many more hundreds of years.

Green apples & canes

The most emblematic souvenirs for the graduating class are canes and green apples. The latter is a tribute to the legacy of Kirkland College, the all-female school that existed on the South side of campus from 1968 to 1978, at which point it merged with Hamilton. Female Hamilton graduates are given a green apple pin, in memory of the apple orchards that originally stood on the Kirkland side of campus. Many graduates also carry a green apple during the commencement ceremony.

Following a custom established in 1977, all graduating seniors also receive a cane during the ceremony. According to the Hamilton website, "The head of the cane forms a tri-corner hat in honor of Baron von Steuben, who served as a drillmaster of Washington's Continental Army and who laid the cornerstone of the Hamilton-Oneida Academy in 1794."

Silent Disco

Hamilton's unofficial traditions are, to many, just as sacrosanct as the official ones. Silent Disco has been a major event of the Hill's social scene since 2008, when it was simply an unconventional birthday party. In the following years, the biannual Silent Disco has brought hundreds of students together on Minor Field to rock out to a pre-loaded playlist on their iPods, thus appearing (more or less) silently out-of-control to any passersby. Crazy costumes (and, as practiced by some, clothes in general) are optional.

Citrus Bowl

Oranges and ice dominate this Hamilton hallmark, which invites the community to Sage Rink to cheer for the men's hockey team at their first home game of the year. Named for a (since-retired) tradition of throwing oranges at the opposing team, the event now focuses less on fruit-flinging and more on school spirit.

Class & Charter Day

Perhaps the most beloved of all Hamilton institutions, C&C day marks the last day of classes and a chance for the student body to relax before spring semester finals. An awards ceremony recognizes students' academic and community achievements. In recent years, a big-name concert has also marked the festivities. Controversy has also surrounded the extremes to which some students take their celebrations: alcohol consumption on C&C day has been linked to record EMT calls; therefore, policy changes over the past few years have attempted to address safety concerns.

Feb Fest

It's no secret: February at Hamilton can be brutal. The wonder-inspiring snowfall on our scenic campus has revealed itself to be cold, cruel and inconvenient, just as classes are starting to prove themselves to be really difficult. Everyone needs a break, and FebFest aims to provide just that with both chocolate and beer tastings, a Snoccer competition (wait and see), concerts, a Chili Cook-Off and more.

Fall Fest and Fallcoming

Fall Fest: Hamilton's interactions with the town of Clinton have run the gamut from friendly to feuding, but every October since 2002, Fall Fest aims to bridge the gap by sponsoring a festival on the Village Green. Campus organizations sponsor face-painting booths and games, a capella groups serenade the crowds, and Bon Appétit caters. Best of all, everything is free.

Fallcoming: Our equivalent of Homecoming, Fallcoming welcomes back alumni for a weekend. The bleachers on Stueben field are never more packed than for the Fallcoming football game, and other sports teams also draw crowds. Interesting talks, readings and lectures pepper the weekend's events. The Fallcoming a capella concert welcomes back former group members for a showcase featuring old favorites. Don't forget that the dining halls are always best stocked when the alumni come calling.

Hamilton TRADITIONS

by Nora Grenfell '12
Online Managing Editor

What you've missed

by Allison Eck '12
Editor-in-Chief

While you were busy cramming for AP exams and writing impressive Common App essays, a lot was happening here on campus. You might feel like you have a ton of catching up to do. Here is a comprehensive run-down of the major front page stories from *The Spectator* over the past year.

Faculty votes to change academic calendar to honor MLK Day

In an effort to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the faculty voted last April to modify the calendar for the 2012-13 school year. To compensate for the lost day, spring semester classes starting that year will end one day later than usual; that is, on a Monday instead of a Friday. The administration's apparent failure to seek students' input in this decision upset some people on campus, particularly students who wished for the culture surrounding Class and Charter Day (the last day of classes) to remain intact.

The shift in schedule means that the annual awards ceremony will take place that final Monday at 4 p.m., even though it typically falls on Friday at noon. In addition, Reading Period will consist of the Tuesday and Wednesday following Class and Charter Day, in addition to the Saturday and Sunday preceding it. Final exams will be held from Wednesday night to Sunday, and Senior Week will begin that Monday. At the faculty meeting, some professors expressed concern about how students would react to the awkward placement of the last day of classes; they predicted that some might treat Friday as a day of rowdy celebration regardless of the change, and that kind of behavior could carry over through the weekend and into Monday.

Professors also wondered whether or not students would actually use the day off in January to volunteer—students did, in fact, admit that they would likely use the extra day to travel back to campus following winter break. But no matter how students decide to honor the holiday, Chief Diversity Officer Donald Carter noted that all of the other NESCAC schools recognize it, and that Hamilton should follow suit.

Other faculty members suggested alternatives, but most of them failed, including a proposal to shorten spring break by one week and another to start classes the Friday before Martin Luther King Jr. Day. At least for now, the new schedule is a done deal.

On the Hill to be published

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A dislocated ankle from an Alaskan climbing trip didn't deter James L. Ferguson Professor of History Maurice Isserman from starting research. It was the summer of 2008, and the College archives were calling his name; in order to publish a comprehensive history of Hamilton, he had to spend hours upon hours scouring its resources. Since January 2010, Nadeau Designs and many people on the Hill have been transforming Isserman's manuscript into a finished product.

Isserman told *The Spectator* last May that *On the Hill*, a coffee table book filled with photographs and artifacts, is meant to be a frank but positive account of the institution's history. It also offers new ways of looking at the campus, the buildings, and of course, Hamilton's deceased forefathers. "Now when I walk through the cemetery, I feel like I'm on a first-name basis with everyone," he said.

The book is a major component of the College's bicentennial celebration; on May 26, 1812, the Board of Regents of the State of New York approved Hamilton's charter. Two hundred years later, we're commemorating our past with lectures, art exhibits and more. While these events will occur throughout the year, many are scheduled for the Bicentennial Kick-Off Celebration Sept. 23-25, which will take the place of separate Family and Fallcoming weekends.

Greek Life Task Force Addresses Hazing

A Greek Life Task Force assembled last March to address the problem of hazing on campus; the group, comprised of professors, students and representatives from the Student Life division, was formed the previous spring to evaluate Greek activities. The objective in meeting last semester was multifaceted—members sought to define hazing more clearly, establish a firm policy on it and provide Greek leaders with educational resources to use when reexamining their organization's pledging process.

In accordance with that last goal, the Task Force asked each Greek organization to have a conversation with its national office or alumni group so as to confirm that their pledge activities correspond to the ideals of the organization at large.

What's in a Great Name?

Protesters gathered outside Condoleeza Rice's Great Names lecture last November, while indoors, students asked provocative questions. For not the first time in the Sacerdote Great Names Series' history, community members were challenging the speaker's "Great Name" status. Many students said they did not feel it was appropriate to host a speaker who endorsed torture. Others believed that despite questionable morals, Rice was a good choice because she represented right-wing politics when past speakers were often left-oriented.

PHOTO BY KATE TUMMARELLO '11

Established in 1996, the series provides Hamilton students, professors and staff members, as well as the broader community, with the opportunity to hear from national and international leaders in government, business, science, the arts and more. Previous guests have included political comedian Jon Stewart (2008), former prime minister of the United Kingdom Margaret Thatcher (1999) and blues musician B. B. King (1998).

Dedication of the Days-Massolo Center

"Hamilton College is changing wonderfully before our very eyes, just as society is changing," said President Joan Hinde Stewart at the dedication of the Days-Massolo Center in April. The event, complete with shrimp h'orderves and live jazz by Hamilton musicians, commemorated the repurposing of the building as the Cultural Education Center (CEC). The space was formerly the Ferry Building, home to the computer science department.

The CEC is both a practical and symbolic move toward integrating more cultural awareness into the academic environment. The Center is named in honor of Drew S. Days III '63 and Arthur J. Massolo '64, whose attitudes reflect inclusiveness and acceptance.

The Bicentennial Initiatives

As Hamilton approaches its bicentennial year, the College will continue to pursue what has come to be known as the Bicentennial Initiatives (plural because there are three). This powerful triumvirate of values — **access, creativity, and opportunity**—will help Hamilton students for generations to come. The campaign—launched publicly last December—aims to allocate $117 million dollars toward several projects that are in line with the Initiatives.

The first Initiative, **access**, puts into action Hamilton's deep-seated commitment to meeting students' financial need. Thanks to a $3 million donation, the College was able to make need-blind admission a reality in March 2010. The Bicentennial Initiatives, in turn, will make that policy—a progressive one in higher education—permanent, so long as Hamilton is able to secure an estimated $2 million in aid money each year. To ensure that this will be possible, the campaign committee has established a $40 million goal for this aspect of the Initiatives.

An additional $35 million will go toward the second Initiative, **creativity**. The major project involved in Hamilton's creative stimulation is the construction of several new arts facilities. The Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art will be a "teaching laboratory" as well as an open archive and gallery; a new theater complex will have seminar and performance spaces plus costume shops and dressing rooms, and an interdisciplinary Studio for Trans-media Arts and Related Studies (STARS) will facilitate collaboration between videographers, artists, musicians, dancers, actors, poets, scientists and more. All of these changes come from the recognition that the current arts facilities are wildly inadequate and suffer from decrepit conditions—surely Hamilton students deserve better.

Opportunity, the third Initiative, is based on $30 million of unrestricted contributions to the Annual Fund; support for the annual fund will help buoy the need-blind policy until the College receives new endowments. The last chunk of $12 million will go toward donor interests, thereby leaving open the possibility of other interesting and beneficial projects.

College approves new educational goals

As part of a reaccreditation process that occurs every ten years, Hamilton sought to reshape its "College Purposes and Goals" this time around so as to better reflect the specific needs of its students. Professor of Philosophy Todd Franklin, chair of the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP) subgroup on the educational goals, spoke to Student Assembly on a Monday in April about the goals and offered students a chance to weigh in on them. That Thursday, *The Spectator* wrote an editorial commending the faculty for its acknowledgment of how necessary it is to learn via different communicative modes besides writing; we also supported the inclusion of qualitative (as opposed to quantitative) literacy as a top priority. However, we asked for a clearer explanation of how the College plans to execute these goals, whether through a bolstered advising system or by some other means.

Scan this QR Code or go to http://www.hamilton.edu/catalogue/college-purposes-and-goals to view the complete list of educational goals.

Community copes with sexual assault and hate crimes

An eruption of emotion from students and faculty alike coincided with last November's campus-wide discussions on sexual assault. Many cited the lack of transparency in Hamilton's reporting process, as well as feelings of guilt and confusion that arise when an incident falls in that uncomfortable gray area. Others simply expressed that sometimes they don't feel safe at Hamilton.

Nearly 50 people attended the community meeting, including Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli '96, and Director of Campus Safety Fran Manfredo, as well as representatives from Res Life and the Counseling Center. A vigil and a Take Back the Night event also took place, followed by a "speak out" during which community members shared personal anecdotes in the safe confines of the Glen House. If there was a central message to these events, that was it—inclusion and openness. "This issue can only be as dangerous as it is not talked about," said Michael Bethoney '11.

In addition to the concern over sexual assault, three reported bias incidents occurred within less than two months last fall. Following the vandalization of the Muslim prayer room in the Chapel, the Bias Incident Response Team (BIRT) and Muslim Student Association (MSA) organized a candlelight march to support diversity. More than 300 students attended the march Oct. 20, marching in a line that started at the Chapel and spread nearly all the way to the Kirner-Johnson building, culminating in a screening of the documentary "The Anatomy of Hate."

Hamilton adopts gender-neutral housing

When a group of students approached the College with a request for gender-neutral housing last fall, the Office of Residential Life proudly took the plunge. They had been mulling over the idea of gender-neutral housing for several years, and now it seemed time to join the several other colleges and universities across the country in allowing students of any biological sex, gender identity or expression to live together in the same room on campus.

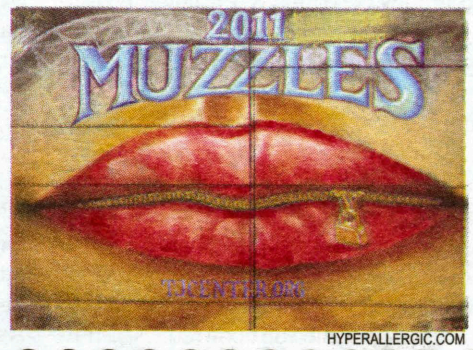
The option is available in all dorms, except for on floors that have been previously designated as single-sex. Director of Residential Life Travis Hill told *The Spectator* that he hopes the policy will make dorm life more inclusive and accepting.

Hamilton "wins" Muzzle Award

Word travels at lightning pace on small college campuses. Free speech, though, as a *principle*, may be another matter — that is, according to the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression. Last April, Hamilton became one of eight institutions nation-wide to receive the Center's 2011 Muzzle award for what their website states are "egregious or ridiculous affronts to free expression."

Hamilton was among the "winners" (the title is meant to disparage recipients—not actually honor them) because of an event that occurred as part of an extended orientation program last fall. On September 27, 2010, the College invited Keith E. Edwards, founder of the group Men Ending Rape, to speak on campus to first-year men about their role in the perpetuation of the "rape culture" on college campuses. The Center labeled the event "forced indoctrination" and claimed that in bringing Edwards to campus, the College was unjustly accusing an entire demographic of bigotry.

Dean of Students Nancy Thompson defended Edwards' visit to Hamilton. "We will continue to provide education for our students about sexual assault prevention, policy, law and resources," she told *The Spectator*. "To do so is both a moral and legal imperative."



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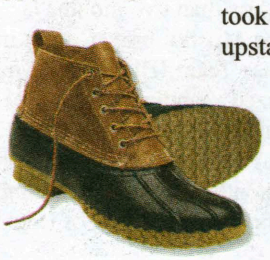
Bean Boots

It's going to snow… a lot. And your life will be much less miserable if you are prepared with proper footwear. A favorite on campus is L.L. Bean's classic Bean Boots, but any comparable snow boot will serve you infinitely. Happy trekking!

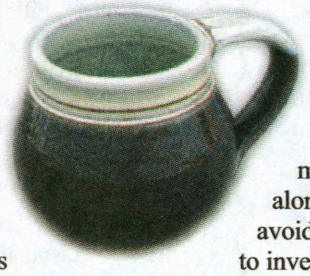
Cider Mill Donuts



Maybe your homework is just too overwhelming, maybe you're just hungry, in any case it's worth a trip down the hill to the Cider Mill (28 Elm Street), open until Thanksgiving break. The Mill itself inspires a warm and fuzzy feeling with its rustic ambience and apple/pastry smell, but you won't survive fall at Hamilton without at least a few Cider Mill donuts—the most delicious thing on this side of the Hudson River.

Clinton pottery mug

After a few weeks at Hamilton, you will notice that everyone seems to have the same ceramic mugs. You can find your very own mug just down the Hill at Clinton Pottery, 66 ½ Utica Street. Owner Jonathan Woodward left his native England and took up residence in upstate New York in the late 70s, and his mugs are much loved by Hamilton students. Plus, you get a discount at Opus if you bring your own mug. The Cider Mill also sells mugs.



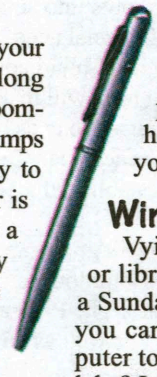
The Diner Playlist

The Howard Diner has its own jukebox, and inevitably student favorites get the most airtime. The top four hits are:

1) "I Would Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)," Meatloaf
2) "Believe," Cher
3) "Sweet Caroline," Neil Diamond
4) "Bennie and the Jets," Elton John

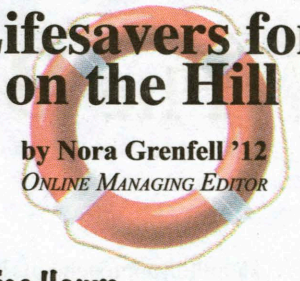
Download them if you haven't already to give yourself a head start at 4 a.m. sing-a-longs.

Earplugs



Hopefully you and your roommate(s) are getting along well, but even with the best of roommates you may run into some bumps along the road. A preemptive way to avoid clashing later in the semester is to invest in some auditory protection: a pair of earplugs. Small and cheap, they can do wonders for giving you some space from the person sleeping two feet away from you. Whether you're trying to sleep while she's clacking away on her computers, or you'd rather not be awoken when she stumbles in late at night (maybe not alone), earplugs may be the wisest purchase you make this semester.

Lifesavers for on the Hill



by Nora Grenfell '12
Online Managing Editor

Office Hours

Just go. Seriously.

Writing Center

You will probably be required to visit by your some of professors, but the Writing Center is a valuable resource, especially for your first couple of college papers. The Writing Center can help familiarize you with what your professors might expect.

Wireless Printing

Vying for a spot on one of the KJ or library computers can be taxing on a Sunday night, but did you know that you can print straight from your computer to any one of the Hamilton public labs? Instructions for both PC and Mac users are available at www.hamilton.edu/library/services/technology.

Where (and what) to eat, when...

by Emma Laperruque '14
News Editor

You need to eat breakfast/lunch/dinner. The College requires first-years to participate in the Full Meal Plan, but what exactly does that mean? Unlimited access to Commons and McEwen, the two dining halls on campus. Let's say you swipe in for lunch at Commons, enjoy a cucumber-carrot sushi roll, go to the library, then decide halfway through a problem set that you do, in fact, need an M&M cookie or two (or three, we've all been there). You can swipe in again during lunch and no one will care! Just don't forget: On the weekends, McEwen is closed and Commons serves brunch, with Belgium waffles.

You have no time—but your Hill Card has money. Next time you're hungrily rushing to a class/exam/meeting, take advantage of your fund-heavy Hill Card (clean laundry? Psh). If you're in the middle of campus, stop by Euphoria in the Sadove Student Center for a fruit smoothie or hot cocoa. If you're by either edge of campus, you're probably near one of Café Opus's two locations. On the first floor of McEwen (next to Wellin Hall), the original Opus serves a daily lunch entrée and soup, as well as cookies (warmed up upon request), muffins, coffees and teas. Make sure to check your email every Sunday night for Opus 1's (hilarious) weekly menu—and always cross your fingers for the famous mango-brie panini. Opus 2 (Science Center) doesn't send out a weekly menu, but among their staples are caffeine and veggie chili.

It's Family Weekend! Why is seeing your parents exclamation point-worthy? Come September 23, you'll get it: good food! (No offense, Bon Appétit, we still love your M&M cookies.) Call Nola's (315-853-3052) in advance for a reservation; it's a Clinton restaurant, with delicious seasonal fare and prices that, while not super expensive, are high enough that you'll be happy to fork over the bill to the 'rents. Michael's Fine Food and Spirits (7672 State Route 20, Waterville) provides equally appetizing Italian. Bamboo Chinese Restaurant, Phoenician Restaurant (all in New Hartford), as well as Delmonico's Italian Steakhouse (Utica) and Symeon's Greek Restaurant in (Yorkville), are also popular destinations. And for brunch? Try Breakfast at Tiffany's or Raspberries Café, both in New Hartford.

It's your friend's birthday. (Blame it on Facebook: You can't get away with forgetting anyone's birthday these days.) You'll need a car to get to Mitsuba Hibachi and Asian Bistro (8562 Seneca Turnpike, New Hartford), but it's so popular that finding someone to drive shouldn't be difficult. This Japanese steakhouse is the perfect place for a big group of friends. Arranging for a Dessert Booth cake, post-dinner, would pretty much make you the best friend, ever. This eatery, located at 13 College Street, serves some of the area's most decadent desserts (chocolate hazelnut pastry, anyone?). If you do want to be the best friend, ever, don't forget to call 315-859-1163 in advance for your cake (serves 8-10); I highly recommend carrot.

It's 9 p.m. or later. The dining halls have closed their doors, but you still need food! Fear not. The Howard Diner is always open until at least midnight (and on the weekends, later than that for diner breakfast). Pizza Place (315-853-2100) delivers, and is open until 1:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday—yummy sustenance for yucky all-nighters! (Pizza Place is famous for its Super Pie, a 24" monster pizza made from four pounds of dough.) Lil' Tex Mex (315-853-5353) also delivers at insomniac/college student hours. As the name suggests, this is the place for a mean burrito.

You want to get off the Hill and have no car. Thus begins your friendship with the Jitney. The College Street Café (34 College Street) has everything you need for a relaxing afternoon: coffee, baked goods and board games. The Minar Indian Café serves an indescribably delicious daily lunch buffet for $8.95 and Thursday dinner buffet for $11.95 (they also have a painfully unreliable delivery service). In the fall, make sure to visit the Clinton Cider Mill (28 Elm Street) for freshly-pressed apple cider and just-fried doughnuts (welcome to Central New York).

You want Chinese food. Classic take-out craving. How do you satisfy it? China Sea (315-853-3836) is right in Clinton, and delivers. Asian Bistro (315-738-1888) is farther away in New Hartford, but also serves Japanese and Thai. My suggestion: Find a menu item you and your roommate both love, call in an order from each place, and figure out which restaurant you guys like best!

You want a pint of Ben & Jerry's. Because, unless you're lactose intolerant, you will at some point. Don't go to dinner on Saturday night (who cares if Mom would disapprove—this is college), then hit up the Diner and watch your Hill Card magically grant you whichever ice cream flavor your heart and/or stomach desires. It's called Diner Equivalency Night, and basically you exchange your regular meal for one pint of chilled perfection. And don't worry if you eat the whole thing in one sitting—it happens.

What to do: on- and off-campus

by Kate Moore '12
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On Campus

The Glen House is an amazing resource for anyone who enjoys the outdoors. Home to the Hamilton Outdoor Leadership Center, it's your one-stop shop for ski and snowshoe rentals, hiking gear, tents, sleeping bags, and anything else you need for a trip to the Adirondacks or just poking around in Root Glen. The Outing Club also organizes various trips throughout the year (even to Ecuador!) Membership costs just $10 a year.

Opus I and II are so much more than cafés. While the appeal of espresso and fresh cookies is obvious, I encourage you to hang around for more than just the comfort

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Cafe Opus offers a funky and artsy ambience for lovers of coffee, culture, and camaraderie.

food. That being said, take a break from the Commons monotony and splurge on a quesadilla or apple cheddar panini once in a while. Though each café has a different vibe (couches and minimal lighting in I versus tables and floor-to-ceiling windows in II) each can be a great place for relaxing with friends or working on a group project. Opus I is also home to frequent a capella concerts, readings by creative writing students, and President Stewart's open hour.

All-campus lectures are a great way to become more well-rounded without signing up for extra homework. They are free and almost always scheduled in the late afternoon or evening so students can attend. Pay attention to the all-campus emails advertising talks by Hamilton professors and outside lecturers.

There is a free concert or movie virtually every weekend. The Campus Activities Board (which you should join, by the way) brings great performers to campus for large concerts or weekly acoustic coffeehouses. SK Films usually shows two movies each weekend (if you catch the earlier one there's still plenty of time to make it to Bundy).

Off Campus

Oh the places you'll go... on the Jitney. But seriously, the Jitney gets an undeserved bad rap. It's free transportation to everything you could ever need. Pick up is at the Sadove Student Center, and your first stop is Hannaford supermarket (this is also the stop you'll want for a brief walk to CVS or McDonald's). The next stop is "Downtown." Operating with the understanding that Downtown Clinton consists of a few gift shops, Tony's Pizza and a Dunkin' Donuts, it's worth checking out. Especially during the fall, when the Cider Mill is open!

The third stop on the Jitney's tour-de-force is Target. As if you couldn't possibly get everything you need at Target, it is attached to Sangertown Mall (which has a Friendly's in the food court! Just sayin').

The fourth Jitney stop is Walmart, if Target is too classy for you. Walmart is in a different shopping complex that offers you access to Panera, Blockbuster, and Barnes and Noble if you're willing to do just a little walking. The fifth and final stop is Marquee Cinemas, where you can catch the latest masterpiece to grace the silver screen. (This shopping area also has the best food. One meal at Bamboo and you'll never eat China Sea again.) From Marquee the Jitney travels back toward Hamilton, making pit stops at "Downtown" and Hannaford along the way. The Jitney driver will NOT deliver you to your dorm, but back at Sadove. Keep this in mind when attempting to bring 10 bags of groceries back from Walmart.

This painting by artist Wassily Kandinsky is one of the many works that have hung from the walls of the Munson Williams Proctor Art Institute, located in downtown Utica. The Munstitute, as it is affectionly known, hosts special exhibits and concerts.

Money-saving tip!

Most of you have probably heard of "deal-of-the-day" websites, the most famous of which is probably Groupon, thanks to those Super Bowl commercials. Since you're in podunk Clinton, NY (and I mean that in the most endearing way) your version is going to be "Seize the Deal." Sign up for the Utica site and find some great deals! The coupons are typically for food, but there are the occasional gems like spas or salons.

Far, far away

If you're feeling more adventurous (and have a Zipcar account or an upperclassman friend with wheels), you should make a point of traveling to Utica (20 minutes), Syracuse (45 minutes) or even NYC (5 hours). Utica has a lot to offer, from the Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institute to the Stanley Theatre. Syracuse hosts the State Fair each year, which you can catch in August and early September, and also has a slightly more legitimate mall (read: location of the nearest Apple store). NYC obviously makes for a great weekend trip if you have the means to get there and somewhere to stay. However, once per semester the Campus Activities Board organizes a day trip into the city. For around $50 you get a bus ride (with limited seats) there and back, plus a ticket to a selected Broadway show. I highly recommend going on at least one trip during your time at Hamilton.

Other Destinations

Turning Stone Resort: Casino, Golf, Resort and Spa (Verona)

Saranac Brewery (Utica)

Stanley Performing Arts Center (Utica)

Gore Mountain (North Creek)

Rome Capitol Theater (Rome)

The Finger Lakes

The Adirondacks: white-water rafting and kayaking, fishing, and skiing.

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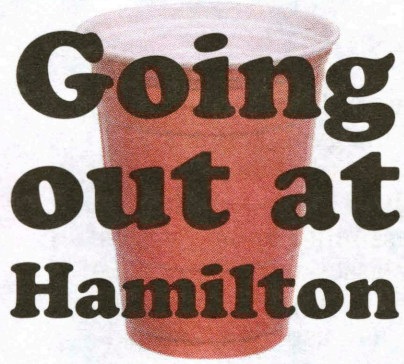

Going out at Hamilton

by Taylor Coe '12
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Parties can be a challenge your first few months at school. Not every social gathering welcomes unfamiliar faces; at some, you might find the host literally forcing cans of Keystone Light into your hands, figuratively drunk in their seeming beneficence. Parties range from groups of sophomores around a beer pong table in a suite common room to the disarming, drunken sway of an Annex mob.

The latter parties, which take place in the larger social spaces on campus, are the fruit of campus organizations and societies, especially the Greek ones. They usually featuring dance music and keg beer and are often open to the entire campus (although beer is for 21 and older only). The campus's prime party locale, the Annex (Tolles Pavilion), is the site of some of the College's more infamous parties, and offers the best location and largest space.

But in a discussion of campus parties, one cannot overlook the all-too-often horrific party-scape of Bundy Dining Hall. Something about being so far down the Hill births a mean streak in revelers. Bundy parties are notoriously messy affairs. The Sadove basement is much cleaner and tamer...but smaller than either space.

Not being female, I'm not usually keen on my attire. But one important note for women (or those men so inclined): beware of high heels at Hamilton—you'll regret them as you tramp across a muddy quad or a beer-splattered floor. Best to leave them at home. Also, the campus is pretty costume-friendly. It's never a shock to see campus partiers decked out in their 80s fashion or their Halloween wear. Costumes will go largely without comment. (Unless you're at a costume party and not wearing one.)

As for stray items like purses and jackets, best to leave them where others won't look. If headed to the Annex, leave it somewhere in the Events Barn, not on the metal rack outside the party.

And, even you though you'll hear it enough in the coming weeks, I'll say it again: Don't get carried away. If you go to a party with a friend, leave with that same friend—or at least make sure that they want to stay. Male or female, keeping friends close is the smartest way to spend your evening.

The Dating Game
HAMILTON EDITION

by Hadley Keller '12
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For first-years especially, arriving on the Hill is a blur of meeting and mingling. Undoubtedly some might wonder at the likelihood of meeting that special someone.

The "dating scene" at Hamilton is an odd breed. While we love our distinct and avid social scene, it's true that the dance floor in Bundy Dining Hall is not exactly where relationships are born. Many a first-year will come to know that awkward morning-after run-in at Commons brunch long before spending weeknights cuddled in the arms of a new significant other.

Then there's always the question of privacy. While coffee at Opus or time at one of Hamilton's many special events are great date locations, not everyone desires to be spotted by professors, classmates and friends while they're putting on the moves. Many looking to spend some one-on-one time might want to eschew on-campus events in favor of a trip down the Hill. Quaint Clinton is not exactly a bustling metropolis, but our Central New York location does offer up some possible date options—and the area is far from devoid of mouth-watering, date-worthy cuisine. From Minar's mango chicken to Mitsuba's Christmas roll to Simmer's salmon, it's easy to find somewhere other than Commons to share a meal and conversation. Unfortunately, though, even off campus you won't necessarily be guaranteed privacy; expect a slew of fellow students to spot you canoodling at your favorite refuge.

Seasonal activities like walks in the Glen, trips to the Cider Mill and apple-picking excursions are romantic and fun. Yet even with these options in mind, a small percent of Hamilton's population "dates" in the literal sense. Students at Hamilton are far more likely to spend time in groups than one-on-one, especially at the beginning of college.

But is this such a bad thing? As a first-year, especially, being "tied down" in a long-term relationship might conflict with the ability to explore new things. Don't let being caught up in the drama of searching for a sweetheart overshadow the memories you'll be making with friends. And who knows, something might happen when you're least expecting it.

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What's the deal with Greek life at Hamilton?

There is a lot of mystery surrounding Greek life at Hamilton. It is a topic usually glazed over by the Office of Admissions during tours and information sessions, leaving many incoming freshmen baffled as to the role of fraternities and sororities on the Hill. For some first-years, the first encounter with the Greek scene is rumors whispered during orientation. So here's the truth: The Admissions Office usually says that Greek life plays little to no role on campus; some Hamilton students will tell you that it makes up a huge part of life on the hill. The truth is, it's up to you.

How many Greek organization are there on campus?

Hamilton currently has eleven fraternities and eight sororities. Fraternities and two of the sororities (Alpha Chi Lambda and Sigma Lambda Upsilon) are nationally recognized; the six other sororities are local organizations, meaning their "chapters" at Hamilton, are the only ones. Collectively, these nineteen organizations represent a wide array of students, from athletes to artists, native New Yorkers to international students, biology to English to economics majors.

What do Greeks do on campus?

For those students affiliated with a Greek organization, fraternities and sororities generally open up numbers of different ways to be involved in life on the Hill. While Greek organizations are responsible for hosting formals for the members of their societies, annual all-campus bashes hosted in social spaces and several off-campus parties (also open to all) throughout the year, Greeks do more than just party. Fraternities and sororities bring numerous outreach initiatives to Campus and support many more. The annual "Pink and White" party, thrown by all sororities on campus, raises money for Breast Cancer research; "Crush Can" sales and school supplies collections bring money and supplies to local charities, and Greeks team up for annual events like the AIDS Hike for life, Heart walk, and last year's Dodgeball tournament, which all benefit charitable causes.

How does joining a Greek society work?

Upon arrival on the Hill as a first-year, it may seem like the decision to join a Greek organization has to be made immediately, but the decision is usually not made until the Spring semester.

Most societies start "rushing" sometime during October (the official date of the beginning of "rush" is October 1). During this period, fraternities and sororities will host events at which their members will try to get to know incoming freshmen before deciding to extend a "bid," or invitation to pledge their organization.

To pledge or not to pledge?

For anyone who's unsure of whether Greek life is for him or her, or debating which society to join, "rushing" is a good time to hang out with members of different societies and try to decide where you can see yourself. The process of pledging varies from society to society. Luckily, friendships are not made and broken based on decisions to join Greek societies.

Don't feel bad if you really like spending time with members of a certain society, but decide that it's not right for you. And don't feel the need to join or not join a society based on your friends' decisions. Hamilton's small size makes it easy to hang out with members of all (or no) fraternities and sororities.

Most importantly, don't stress about it. In the end, fraternities and sororities are just another, different aspect of student life at Hamilton. With so many different activities on the Hill and such a close community, Greek affiliation is never a solitary defining aspect of any Hamilton student. If you want to get involved, do. If you don't, that's fine too—you're still invited to all the all-campus parties!

Hamilton's fraternities:
Alpha Delta Phi
Chi Psi
Delta Chi
Delta Kappa Epsilon
Delta Phi
Delta Upsilon
Lambda Upsilon Lambda
Psi Upsilon
Sigma Phi
Tau Kappa Epsilon
Theta Delta Chi

Hamilton's Sororities:
Alpha Chi Lambda
Alpha Theta Chi
Gamma Xi
Kappa Delta Omega
Kappa Sigma Alpha
Phi Beta Chi
Sigma Lambda Upsilon

People You Should Know

by Taylor Coe '12
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Lisa Mags and Noelle Niznik

The new assistant director of student activities, Niznik will fill the shoes of Dave Eng. Niznik will help organize student events like concerts and Late Nights. Lisa Magnarelli will continue as director of student activities.

Travis Hill

The director of residential life, Hill has helped make decisions about your freshman year that you probably won't dismiss the importance of. Um...your roommate?

Joan Hinde Stewart

Stewart, affectionately known as "Joanie" among the students, is the president of the College. With a Ph.D. from Yale University in French, Stewart taught French at North Carolina State University and University of South Carolina before coming to Hamilton. She holds a weekly open hour in Opus I or II (usually alternating) which is open to all students, faculty and staff.

Meredith Harper Bonham

Bonham is the senior associate dean of students for strategic initiatives. No, I don't know what that means. But her role at the College includes serving as a direct assistant to President Stewart and as secretary to the board of trustees.

Fran Manfredo

The director of Campus Safety, Manfredo is in charge of keeping everyone happy and safe. (That and issuing parking tickets.)

Donald Carter / Allen Harrison / Steven Yao

The diversity trio, so to speak, of Carter, Harrison and Yao, contribute to fostering diversity and multiculturalism among Hamilton students and the programs at the College.

Nancy Thompson

As vice president of the College and the dean of students, Thompson is the end of the line for student affairs. Organizations ranging from campus safety to study abroad to the outdoor adventure program fall under her administration.

Patrick Reynolds

The College's new dean of faculty, Reynolds assumed his post last year after holding the office of interim dean of faculty following the departure of former dean Joe Urgo. A professor of biology at the College, Reynolds advises the president on academic personnel and oversees the different departments and the curriculum.

Monica Inzer

Should you chance to not remember her name from the deluge of paperwork that flooded your mailbox over the past six months, Inzer is the director of admissions and financial aid. You may not often run into her on campus, but you can't forget the huge role she plays in making the school what it is. (Or that we all sort of owe her.)

Campus Safety

The 411 on Hamilton's 911

There are several important safety and security issues I ask you keep in mind as you enter life at Hamilton.

When you are walking on campus avoid walking alone, when possible walk in pairs using the buddy system. If you are walking alone and feel uncomfortable for any reason at all (not if it's raining or you're cold) call Campus Safety for a safety escort.

When you're alone or asleep inside your residence hall always remember to lock and secure your doors and windows. Do not leave valuables lying around your room unsecured. Secure your valuables out of sight in a safe location within your room.

When you leave your residence hall room, even for a short period of time, always, always lock the door behind you. I cannot stress this point enough as it only takes seconds for an unwelcome visitor to enter your room.

Never leave your laptop unattended in an unsecure area. Laptops are common on campus and an individual can easily conceal it and walk away without attracting attention.

If you ride a bicycle on campus secure it to an immovable object using a hardened alloy lock and chain or U-shaped lock.

College Hill Road is the main thoroughfare between the North and South campus and is a busy county roadway. There are two designated crosswalks on College Hill Road for students to cross in. The first is located at Martin's Way and the second at the Bundy Residence Hall. Do not step into either crosswalk on College Hill Road unless you know for certain that an approaching driver will stop. According to NYS law drivers are required to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, however, pedestrians are prohibited from "walking into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impractical for the driver to yield," and vehicles always have the right of way where there is no designated crosswalk. Both the law and common sense dictate that you should always cross in a crosswalk after stopping and looking in both directions.

Finally, if you see something, say something! Call Campus Safety for anything that seems suspicious, out of the ordinary or just doesn't seem right to you. That's what we are here for!

I ask each of you to make responsible choices, discourage careless behavior, and to promptly report suspicious activity. It is our pleasure to work with every member of the Hamilton community as we strive to achieve our goals.

--Fran Manfredo, director of Campus Safety: 315-859-4141

Sometimes I think first-years are confused by this, so let me clarify. The Hamilton Point System does NOT work like the Hogwarts Point System. They are bad, you do not want them, avoid getting them. If you're not sure if a certain behavior is a violation, check out the chart to the **right**. It would be a shame if your relationship with Campus Safety got off to a bad start, considering that the Campus Safety officers should be counted among your most reliable friends at Hamilton. All day every day, they are looking out for your best interest.

-- Kate Moore '12, News Editor

The Point System

Violation	Points
Open container of alcohol	1
Possession of alcohol under 21	1-2
Excessive noise	1-2
Violation of smoking policy	1-2
False identification	1-2
Possession of drug paraphernalia	1-2
Failure to comply with a college official	1-4
Disruptive or lewd behavior	1-6
Serving alcohol to minors	2-4
Violation of bulk alcohol policy	2-6
Aggressive physical behavior	2-10
Failure to leave building during fire alarm	3
*Possession or use of hard alcohol	+3
Marijuana use and/or possession	3-6
Weapons policy violation	3-10
Theft	4-10
Intentional or reckless destruction of college or private property	4-10
Disabling a smoke detector	6
Discharge of fire extinguisher	6-8
Illegal drug use and/or possession (not marijuana)	6-10
Hazing	6-10
Altering/falsifying college documents	6-10
Physical violence	6-10
Driving under the influence	10
Distribution of illegal/controlled substances	10

define: hamilton

by Taylor Coe '13
Arts & Entertainment Editor
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Language at Hamilton is littered with all sorts of terms that an outsider probably would not understand. Here's a definitive guide to Hamilton slang, acronyms and abbreviations that should make you feel sufficiently well-versed when talking to your peers or professors.

"AHI":

Don't look for the AHI on a campus map, because you won't find it. AHI—the Alexander Hamilton Institute—is located at 21 West Park Row down in Clinton. Despite not being run by the College, many students and professors participate in AHI programs, especially the annual Colloquium, at which students and professors from not only Hamilton but other nearby institutions gather to discuss topics in politics, history, and culture.

"Al Ham":

Hamilton's tri-cornered-hat-wearing pig mascot. You might spot him at sporting events, the Great Names lecture series, or even at Silent Disco (see "Hamilton Traditions" article, page 3). You see, having someone run around dressed as an actual Continental soldier would be no fun. So we've got Al Ham instead.

"Annex":

I'm sure the Tolles were lovely people, but no one calls the building they donated by their name. Except in official circles, everyone calls this concert/party space the Annex. You'll probably make an appearance there within your first couple weeks at Hamilton.

"ASB":

Alternative Spring Break is a one-week community service excursion program offered both weeks of spring break. Word has it that this is one of the best experiences you can have as a Hamilton student—you won't want to graduate without doing it at least once.

"CAB":

The Campus Activities Board is student organization that coordinates the Acoustic Coffeehouse series, comedy acts, concerts and more. So basically, they're responsible for a lot of the awesome nightlife that occurs on weekends.

"Diner B":

Not the alternative to Diner A that you might presume, Diner B is a Hamilton late night tradition. On weekend nights (Thurs. to Sat.), the diner stays open into the wee hours of the morning (3 a.m.) to provide greasy breakfast food for late-night revelers. Bacon, egg, and cheese on a bagel? You betcha.

"Dirty D":

Slang for Dunham Residence Hall. The name refers to Dunham's somewhat slovenly living conditions. But in all honesty, Dunham isn't a terrible place to live, and it's a great social scene.

"ELS":

No, not Eels—that's a dormitory next to Ferguson. ELS is short for the Emerson Literary Society, a co-ed Greek society founded in 1882. The society's former building was purchased by the College in 1995 and became a student activities center. Recently, it was renovated and reopened as the Sadove Student Center, but some older students still call it "ELS." Said older students are very passionate about calling it that.

"Fac-ap":

Once upon a time, Kirkland faculty lived in the dormitories with the students. When the faculty fled, their apartments became fac-aps—some of the nicer real estate available in the student housing lottery. Usually occupied by juniors and seniors, the fac-aps are, more often than not, party territory.

"Gray side":

Everyone who feels left out of the intergalactic battle. I'm looking at you, Bundy. [This also refers to Wertimer, the Wallace Johnson House ("Wally J"), Skenandoa and 100 College Hill Road, among a few others.]

"G Road":

Griffin Road, location of student townhouse apartment complexes toward the northwest end of campus. Some professors also live here. Bike-riding down G Road is a great way to relieve stress or enjoy a crisp fall afternoon.

"HAVOC":

Hamilton Association for Volunteering, Outreach and Charity: facilitates a number of different community service sites, as well as annual events like M.L.K Day and Make a Difference Day.

"Jans":

Short for "January admits," they are the freshmen students admitted for the spring semester. Most of them spend the semester abroad in London. Jans are well-loved on campus.

"Light side" / "dark side":

Past the boundaries of the Admission Office, no one other than the professors refers to the "South" and "North" side of campus as such. Students will raise eyebrows if you bother with such formality. The Kirkland campus—whether through gender bias or a nerdy Star Wars reference (we'll never know for sure)—is the "dark side" and the Hamilton campus is the "light side." (For the sake of humor and easy stereotypes, many Hamilton students enjoy imagining a great chasm that runs between the two sides of campus rather than the more arbitrary thoroughfare of College Hill Road, but the differences are not so many. Maybe a polo or two more on the light side and a few more Buddy Holly frames on the dark side, but these differences are less black and white and more like two shades of the same color.)

"Root":

Thanks to the generous generations of the Root family, "Root" might refer to any one of four buildings on campus or the aforementioned glen. But your best bet is the dark side dormitory named Root. There are also Root Hall, the Molly Root House, and the Elihu Root House.

"The Co-op":

Also known as Woolcott House. Located at the northeast corner of campus, the Co-Op is a unique living situation in that students prepare and cook their own meals (with the exception of lunch).

"The Glen":

While Hamilton slang can sometimes be pretty darn specific, when someone says, "Meet me in the glen later," it's the equivalent of them asking to meet you on the dark side (see above). When generally referred to in this manner, the "glen" is usually the connected glens of Kirkland and Root. Root Glen, the smaller of the two, is part of the Hamilton campus arboretum and, for that reason, is much more like a garden than the Kirkland Glen, featuring benches and neat gravel pathways. The Kirkland Glen, on the other hand, has miles of trails that allow for hiking and running, as well as snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in the winter. (Rogers Glen, on the other side of campus, is also worth exploring, as is the nearby Rogers Estate.)

"The VT":

The Village Tavern, a popular bar in downtown Clinton. As a first-year, you won't be buying anything here, but just in case you venture in, be forewarned: the VT is one of Clinton's sketchier facilities. One exciting new feature, though, is the restaurant Kabobviously, which just opened up inside of it. Kabobviously serves burgers, Greek and Mediterranean food, pizza, sandwiches, vegetarian options and, of course, kabobs.

"The Water Feature":

KJ's one and only water fountain/makeshift kiddie pool. Although it is meant to be just a source of soothing background noise, occasionally students utilize the water feature for other purposes on their late-night escapades.

What you'll see in....

by Nora Grenfell '12
Online Managing Editor

The Sadove Student Center

WHCL

Until last year the campus radio station was housed in the gloomy Bristol basement, but an upgrade brought them to the second floor of the Sadove Student Center overlooking Martin's Way. You can enjoy the diverse stylings of WHCL DJs on your computer, from a bench outside Sadove or even on your RADIO!

The Spectator

Our very own staff can be found here many nights of the week, but if you see us looking particularly sleep-deprived and holding pizza, you know it's a Wednesday (a.k.a Production Night).

The KJ Auditorium

F.I.L.M series

The Forum for Images and Language in Motion (F.I.L.M series) features experimental, groundbreaking and above all compelling film events every Sunday afternoon. Lectures, screenings and talks by filmmakers are all part of the series, run by Visiting Professor of Film History Scott MacDonald.

The Diner

Late Night Breakfast

The best way to end your night on the Hill, regardless of what you've been doing, is at the Howard Diner. If you can imagine something better than a bacon, egg and cheese on a bagel at 3 a.m., accompanied by a best/worst of the 90s sing-a-long courtesy of the jukebox, please let us know at spec@hamilton.edu

The Fillius Events Barn

Acoustic Coffee House + Open Mics

I maintain that Hamilton's good music to student ratio is perhaps the best in the northeast. The Acoustic Coffee House brings lesser known, but still quality, artists to campus to perform acoustic shows. Free Opus treats are also available, which makes the music all the sweeter. Last year, the Campus Activities Board also hosted a successful series of Open Mics to showcase the musically-gifted members of our community.

Late Nites

"Late nites" are alcohol-free alternatives hosted by student organizations that provide an alternative for nights when you don't feel like boozing. They range from a Casino Night, to concerts to everything in between.

The Little Pub

Senior Pub Night

An asterisk on your Hill Card is all that stands between you and one of Hamilton's favorite events: Thursday Senior Pub Nights.

Trivia Night

You don't have to be 21 to enjoy Hamilton's own Trivia Night, which sees students camped outside of the Pub long before the event starts to secure a space for their team. Some team names include: "Dickens Cider Box," "Sophomore Money More Problems" and "Wertimighty."

The Quad

Humans vs. Zombies

Why is everyone suddenly wearing bandanas? Why do you have a Nerf gun? Why, why, why are you screaming? The answer to these questions lies in the long-standing "Humans vs. Zombies" games (organized by the "People Who Like to Do Fun Things" club) that infect the campus every semester. This test of skill provides a worthy challenge to participants and amusement to those who remain on the sidelines.

The Co-Op

Thanksgiving Dinner

Although the Co-Op dining experience is usually reserved for those who live there, right before Thanksgiving break the residents of Woollcott invite the community for dinner. Space is limited, but the food is delicious and a welcome break from mounting pre-finals week stress.

The Community Farm/1812 Garden

Hamilton's green thumb has been showing with the expansion of the Community Farm and the 1812 Garden. The Farm workers invite volunteers to work in the gardens; they also sell fresh produce at a stand outside the Science Center. The Farm works with Bon Appétit to bring super-local produce to our dining halls.

Minor Theater

Although the mainstage plays every semester are the biggest attraction, the Hamilton Theater department puts on several smaller productions that are worth checking out—short performances in the fall, and senior projects in the spring.

Blood Fitness and Dance Center

Dance performances

Hidden at the back of the Fitness center is the Blood Dance Studio, where Hamilton's few but talented dance majors can be found putting on showcases every semester. You're sure to be shocked at some, touched by others and probably left confused by a few.

Intramural sports

IM games are better played than watched, but you can also head to fields and field houses to cheer on your friends.

List

Walking through List can be just as worthwhile as walking through the more formal Emerson Gallery. A wealth of student art adorns the halls, and it can be fun to look for names and faces you recognize, or just appreciate the aesthetics for themselves.

Tolles Pavilion

Home to Hamilton's most chaotic and debauched events: ELS's Rocky Horror Picture Show party, The Red Light District party and, of course, the Housing Lottery.

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Lunch Monday–Fri	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Dinner Mon–Sun	5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Brunch Sat/Sun	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

McEwen (all hours are Mon–Fri)

Breakfast	7:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Lunch	11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Dinner	4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.*

*No dinner served at McEwen on Friday

Diner

Mon–Fri	9 a.m. – midnight
Sat/Sun	3 p.m. – midnight
LATE NIGHT! (Thursday–Saturday)	midnight – 5 a.m.

Opus 1 & Opus 2

Mon–Wed.	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; 7 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Thurs.	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Euphoria Smoothies

Aug. 22–28:	6 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Aug. 29:	CLOSED
Aug. 30–Sept. 3:	11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

PERMANENT SCHEDULE TBA

Graveyard

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Library

Mon–Th	8 a.m. – 2 a.m.
Friday	8 a.m. – midnight
Saturday	10 a.m. – midnight
Sunday	10 a.m. – 2 a.m.

Music Library

Mon – Th	9:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	noon – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	noon – 11 p.m.

Media Library

Mon–Th	8:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	noon – 5 p.m.

Writing Center

Mon–Th	10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Fri	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sun	noon – 11 p.m.

(open after hours for computer use)

Q Lit Center

Mon–Th	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mon–Th	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sunday	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Bookstore

Mon–Fri	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.	CLOSED

Registrar

Mon–Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Career Center

Mon –Fri	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Mon–Th	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Mail Center (all hours are Mon–Fri)

Stamp Window	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Package Window	10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Health Center

Mon/Tue/Th/Fri	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m; 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Counseling Center

Mon–Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fitness Center (First floor)

Mon/Wed/Fri	6 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Tue/Th	8 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Sat/Sun	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Dean of Students Office

Mon–Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Residential Life

Mon–Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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